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inspirationists lives again
in the*

Amana Home

(Amana Heim)

Homestead, Iowa



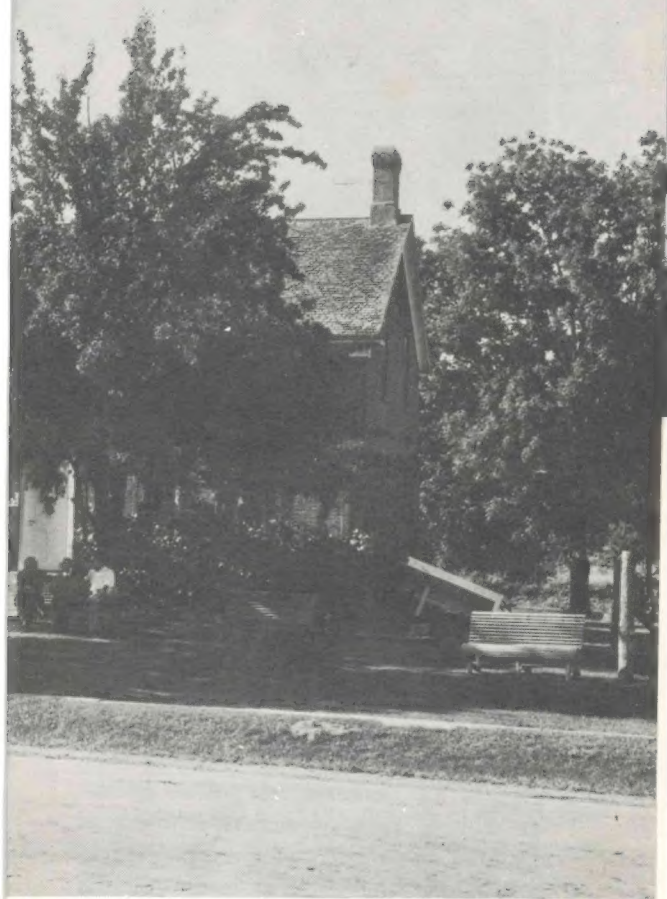
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Serene calm surrounds this "Amana Heim" (Amana Home) situated in the vale of the Iowa (river) in the heart of Iowa—a place where one might expect nature in surroundings so harmonious that old that time and tide have passed on, leaving it to the ravages of modernity.

Open daily 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Hostess in attendance.



simple setting—the “Amana
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Amanas’ colony at Homestead,
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rn living.

00 P. M. Sundays 12:00 Noon



"Wohnzimmer"—living room interior.

The 100 year old "Amana Heim" located at Homestead, Iowa, was constructed from brick made from native clay at a site not far removed from the "Home"; the timbers were hewed and prepared in the Amana forests just north of Homestead, mortised and tenoned and set up on the site without nails or modern artifacts of any kind. Its eight rooms are painted in an "Amana Blue" peculiar to the colonies and furnished exactly as they would have

The ever busy knitting needles in Amana home.





Weekly Sunday chore—winding the large wall clock.

been with stout Amana-crafted walnut furniture of a century ago. There is also a wash-house and woodshed in conjunction where wood for the old 'Franklin' and 'Wild Rose' types of stoves was stored and where "hand" washing was done and water was heated in hearths and iron kettles.

Ample grounds, a flower and vegetable garden surround the house and trellises with grapevines shade the home such as

"Kachelofen"—wild rose stove in carpeted room.





Amana patriarch with cradle and scythe for reaping grain.

the old settlers were wont to have years ago. There is a living room, tastefully furnished, a sitting room, kitchen and dining room with the old iron-stone chinaware and several bedrooms with Amana-made beds. On the second floor there is an old carpet loom on which the woolen and rag carpets such as cover the floors in the Home were woven. Also, there is a children's room, complete with cradle, bed and toys that the children had

Playing with century old toys in children's room.





"Speiszezimmer"—dining room in old Amana.

for their amusement one hundred and more years ago and a sewing room where a quilting frame is set up complete with partially finished coverlet such as the Amana ladies made for their beds and as they might have left it one afternoon to go to an Imbisz (Amana Lunch).

You will find that the hand of time has weighed lightly on this charming scene of Amana complete and original in a peaceful, serene and simple setting.

'Schlafzimmer"—bedroom with knitted spreads.



The Amana Colonies have been in Iowa exactly a century, having moved from Ebenezer, New York, in 1855. They had their beginnings in Germany in 1714 when a group calling themselves Inspirationists separated from their church and eventually emigrated to America in the years following 1842.

About 25,000 acres of fertile prairie land in Iowa, twenty miles west of Iowa City and twenty miles southwest of Cedar Rapids, were eventually acquired following 1855 when "Amana," a biblical name meaning "Remain Faithful" was laid out. Later, five other villages were established around a twenty mile perimeter—South Amana, West Amana, East Amana, High Amana and Middle Amana. A seventh village—Homestead, a small village three miles south of Amana, and located on U. S. Highway 6—was bought and added to the holdings in 1861.

It is at Homestead that the 'old' Amana Home ("Amana Heim") is located, just one block from highway number 6 and just one block south of the junction of U.S. Highway number 6 and State Highway number 149. The Home provides delightful, authentic and original furnishings in the old Amana setting of years ago. The "Heim" is open daily 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Sundays 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M. and a hostess is there to guide tours in and about the place.

Visitors to the Colony are always welcome and are referred to other points of interest in this area where the old world and the new blend to make this one of the midwest's most historic and recent attractions.

